



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

## Ninety-Fourth Regular Session

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TUESDAY, January 12, 1999

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

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### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98-118

Relating to pesticide product restrictions.

Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from Agency, January 4, 1999.

To committee on **Agriculture**.

Referred on January 12, 1999.

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98-143

Relating to eligibility of TEA projects.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, January 4, 1999.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Referred on January 12, 1999.

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98-147

Relating to vehicle restraining devices.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, January 4, 1999.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

Referred on January 12, 1999.

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98-153

Relating to school bus equipment standards.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, January 4, 1999.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Referred on January 12, 1999.

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98-165

Relating to the expenditure limitation for dentures under the health care aid grant program.

Submitted by Department of Veterans Affairs.

Report received from Agency, January 4, 1999.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Referred on January 12, 1999.

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98-167

Relating to the location for placement of utility work signs.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, January 4, 1999.

To committee on **Highway Safety**.

Referred on January 12, 1999.

#### Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 98-185

Relating to demerit point assessment for operating after suspension and revocation offenses.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, January 4, 1999.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Referred on January 12, 1999.

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### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### Assembly Resolution 3

Relating to: the assembly rules.

By Representatives Jensen, Freese, Foti, Albers and Duff.

To committee on **Rules**.

#### Assembly Resolution 4

Relating to: denouncing the hate-filled messages of the Ku Klux Klan and commending the citizens of the city of Madison and others who take part in rejecting the hate-filled messages of the Ku Klux Klan.

By Representatives Freese, Jensen, Bock, Reynolds, Stone, Turner, Urban, Coggs, Porter, Riley, Musser, Sykora, Ladwig, Plale, Gronemus, Montgomery, Grothman, Goetsch, Black, Pocan, Kedzie, Walker, Plouff, Kreibich and Gundrum.

To committee on **Rules**.

#### Assembly Joint Resolution 4

Relating to: creating the office of privacy advocate (first consideration).

By Representative Schneider.

To committee on **Judiciary and Personal Privacy**.

#### Assembly Joint Resolution 5

Relating to: memorializing Congress to pass legislation requiring professional sports leagues to permit community ownership of their franchises.

By Representatives Schneider, Musser, Ziegelbauer, Black, Staskunas, Ainsworth, Kreuser, Berceau, Lassa and Ryba; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Cowles and George.

To committee on **Small Business and Economic Development**.

### Assembly Joint Resolution 6

Relating to: petitioning the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Congress to establish a 1st class postage stamp entitled "Game Warden" to honor our nation's conservation wardens, past and present.

By Representatives Hahn, Freese, Skindrud, Musser, Ourada, Brandemuehl, Handrick, Ott, Goetsch, Sykora, Black, Gunderson, F. Lasee, Kreuser, Kedzie, Turner and Gundrum; cosponsored by Senators Breske and Schultz.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

### Assembly Joint Resolution 7

Relating to: the election of Robin Yount to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

By Representatives Huebsch and Bock.

To committee on **Rules**.

### Assembly Joint Resolution 8

Relating to: commending the Wisconsin Badgers for their 1999 Rose Bowl victory.

By Representatives Foti, Ainsworth, Albers, Black, Boyle, Brandemuehl, Coggs, Freese, Hahn, Handrick, Hebl, Hoven, Huber, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Hutchison, Kaufert, Kelso, Klusman, Kreibich, Krug, Krusick, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, Leibham, Miller, Montgomery, Musser, Ott, Petrowski, Pocan, Reynolds, Sinicki, Staskunas, Suder, Turner, Underheim, Urban, Vrakas, Walker, Wood, Ziegelbauer and Porter; cosponsored by Senators Risser, Baumgart, Breske, Burke, Chvala, Darling, Drzewiecki, Erpenbach, George, Grobschmidt, Huelsman, Jauch, Plache, Roessler, Schultz, Shibilski, Wirsch and Zien.

To committee on **Rules**.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Corrections and the Courts** reports and recommends:

### Assembly Joint Resolution 3

Relating to: 4-year terms of office for district attorneys (2nd consideration).

Adoption:

Ayes: 9 – Representatives Walker, Goetsch, Owens, Hahn, Gundrum, Suder, Balow, Pocan and Staskunas.

Noes: 1 – Representative Travis.

To committee on **Rules**.

*SCOTT WALKER*

Chairperson

Committee on Corrections and the Courts

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The committee on **Ways and Means** reports and recommends:

### Assembly Joint Resolution 2

Relating to: the distribution of the net proceeds of the state lottery and certain moneys received by the state that are

attributable to pari-mutuel on-track betting and bingo (2nd consideration).

Adoption:

Ayes: 15 – Representatives M. Lehman, Sykora, Goetsch, Huebsch, F. Lasee, Ainsworth, Jeskewitz, Owens, Spillner, Wood, La Fave, Meyerhofer, Morris-Tatum, Plale and Turner.

Noes: 0.

To committee on **Rules**.

*MICHAEL LEHMAN*

Chairperson

Committee on Ways and Means

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## COMMUNICATIONS

January 8, 1999

Mr. Charles Sanders  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
Room 402, 1 East Main  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Chief Clerk Sanders:

Attached please find the finalized copy of the Assembly Seating Plan for the Republican Assembly members. Please note the changes in the leadership seating (front row).

Representative Foti will now be in seat number 1, Representative Ladwig will be in seat number 2, Representative Freese will be in seat number 3 and Representative Vrakas will be seated in seat number 19.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Bonnie in my office at 6-3007.

Sincerely,

*DANIEL P. VRAKAS*

Majority Caucus Chair

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## REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Educational Communications Board  
Madison

January 7, 1999

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

Enclosed are copies of the annual audit of the Educational Communications Board Radio and Television networks as prepared by the Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau. These audits are being submitted to your office to satisfy the requirements of s. 39.11 (17m) which reads:

The Educational Communications Board shall maintain annual records of its expenditures for programming purposes by type of programming and by source of revenue. By December 1, 1981, and annually thereafter, the Educational Communications Board shall submit to the Governor and the

Chief Clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2), a report of revenue by source and amount.

If further information is required please contact me at (608) 264-9667.

Sincerely,  
*TED TOBIE*  
Associate Director for Finance and  
Administration  
Educational Communications Board

Referred to committee on **Colleges and Universities**.

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## AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Investment Board  
Madison

December 21, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Attached is the Investment Board's annual report to the Legislature on investment goals and long-term strategies, as provided under section 25.17(14g) of the Statutes. Objectives for each of the major funds managed by SWIB are described and significant changes since our last report are noted.

The Board currently manages over \$52.0 billion for the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), the tenth largest U.S. public pension fund and the 18th largest public or private pension fund in the world. The Board also manages over \$5.0 billion in cash balances of state agencies and local governments in the State Investment Fund (SIF). Cash balances of the WRS are also managed in SIF.

A long-term focus guides the investment strategy for the Retirement System trust funds, in keeping with their long-term obligations. The SIF emphasizes safety of principal and liquidity, commensurate with a reasonable rate of return.

As we look ahead to 1999, resource issues are of major concern. We are experiencing increasing problems recruiting and retaining experienced staff because of significantly higher salaries offered by investment organizations in the private sector. In addition, we are nearing the 15% statutory limit on our use of outside advisors to manage assets that involve special skills, locations or intensity of attention. These problems must be addressed in the upcoming legislative session if we are to successfully implement our investment strategies.

By March 31 we will submit our annual investment performance report to you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this report or other matters.

Sincerely,  
*PATRICIA LIPTON*  
Executive Director

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State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau  
Madison

December 21, 1998

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed an evaluation of the Kinship Care program administered by the Department of Health and Family Services. The program provides cash assistance to individuals who provide care for the children of relatives who are absent or otherwise unable to care for their children. The program's budget, \$24.2 million in fiscal year 1998-99, is funded through the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant and general purpose revenue funds. More than 8,000 children received Kinship Care benefits in June 1998.

Attention was drawn to the Kinship Care program in 1998, when eligible children and families were being placed on waiting lists because funding was insufficient to meet demand for the program. Although budget predictions underestimated the number of eligible families who would apply for the program, especially in Milwaukee, we did not find the projections to have been unrealistic given information available at the time. In September, an additional \$1.9 million was transferred to the program to provide benefits to families reported to be on waiting lists and to allow for some additional growth.

In investigating the reasons for the unexpected program growth, we found inconsistent program implementation among local agencies, particularly with regard to the treatment of children's and caretaker relatives' income. This inconsistency indicates a need for additional legislative attention. In addition, the Department's management and oversight of the program has been limited. Therefore, we include recommendations for additional program monitoring to support informed management and policy decisions.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by staff in the Department of Health and Family Services and local agencies. The Department's response is Appendix III.

Respectfully submitted,  
*JANICE MUELLER*  
State Auditor

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State of Wisconsin  
Public Service Commission  
Madison

December 23, 1998

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

Pursuant to sec. 9141(2m)(a) of the last state budget bill (Wisconsin Act 27), the Commission submits the attached report on recommendations for:

1. Reducing programmatic and funding differences between the educational telecommunications access program

under section 196.218 (4r) of the statutes, as created by this act, and the assistance for institutions program specified in section PSC 160.11, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

2. A date after which school districts, technical colleges, private colleges, and public library boards may no longer be eligible to participate in the educational telecommunications access program established under section 196.218 (4r) of the statutes, as created by this act.

Sincerely,  
*JOSEPH P. METTNER*  
Chairman

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State of Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Housing and  
Economic Development  
Madison

December 30, 1998

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to section 234.25, Wisconsin Statutes, attached is the

fiscal 1998 annual report of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). This report contains the following information:

- \* Fiscal 1998 Program Activity
- \* Small Business Employment Statistics
- \* Strategic Plan
- \* June 30, 1998 Financial Statement

Please note that each of the housing programs described in the following pages are consistent with the goals, policies and objectives of the state housing plan.

Should you have any questions or comments on the report, please call me or Jim Langdon at 266-3529. Thank you for your interest in WHEDA.

Sincerely,  
*FRITZ RUF*  
Executive Director